

## Students who reach for the stars get practical training through YSP

Deaf, hard of hearing, and hearing students who dream of becoming stage, television, and movie stars are getting both theater and life experience through the Gallaudet University Young Scholars Program (YSP) this summer.

Thirty students from the United States and five from the United Kingdom are studying acting, mime, creative sign language, and dance techniques from professionals such as Mike Lamitola of the National Theatre of the Deaf and Jyl Hewston of Theatre Plexus, all courtesy of the MSSD Performing Arts Program's Washington Summer in the Performing Arts, which is being offered this year through YSP.

The four-week program for students ages 14 to 20 began June 23 and will end July 19 with a showcase performance at 2 p.m. in the MSSD Auditorium. The performance is open to all Gallaudet employees free of charge.

In addition to the performing arts component of the program, the students take the adventure-based Personal Discovery course at Gallaudet and spend their evenings in individual and group counseling sessions that are designed to help the students' self-awareness, said Tim McCarty, artistic director for MSSD's Performing Arts Program. These sessions are designed to give students the opportunity to ask questions, explore career and personal goals, and get information from trained personnel. "We aren't putting these kids in counseling because they're having problems; it's purely informational," he said.

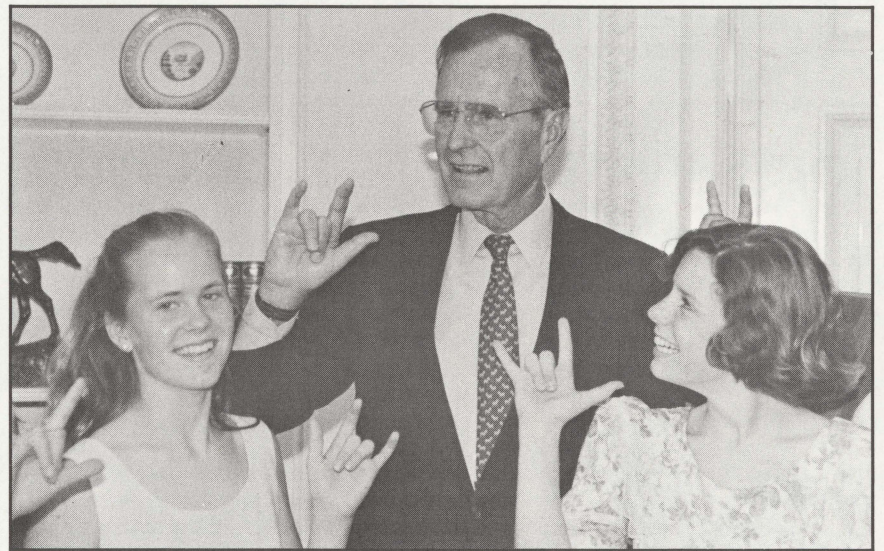
Eighteen of the 28 American deaf students are from mainstream programs. "They are all very bright and talented, and may be the only deaf kid at their school who is," said McCarty. "It's pretty exciting for them to have this opportunity to have 30 to 40 kids just like themselves in one place," he said.

Students also attended three lectures in which professionals from area theaters such as Arena Stage filled them in on "the real blunt truth of the performing arts business and what it takes to be in the business," said McCarty.

Another highlight for the students was a backstage tour of the set for "Phantom of the Opera" at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, followed by a discussion with two actors in the cast and a technician for the show.

The Washington Summer in the Performing Arts is the result of collaborative efforts of several areas of the University, said McCarty and Dr. Richard Meisegeier, director of the Honors and Young Scholars programs. The graduate Counseling Program, "Summers Only," is providing the personnel for the evening counseling sessions, and MSSD is providing dormitory space for the students.

Because of a grant from the National Science Foundation, the Honors Program has provided a yearly Summer Science Program (SSP) for deaf students in addition to a yearly YSP program. The SSP will not be held this year because of renovations being made to the Hall Memorial Building.



Oratorical contest winner Roberta Mather (left) and Caroline Kobek, of Mount Pleasant, S.C., who won an honorable mention, teach President George Bush some sign language. (Photo by Associated Press)

## KDES student wins national contest with impressions on DPN movement

Kendall Demonstration Elementary School student Roberta Mather, 14, was selected June 21 from a field of six deaf teenage finalists as the winner of a national oratorical contest sponsored by the Bicentennial Commission on the U.S. Constitution and Gallaudet University.

The contest was held for deaf and hard of hearing students to tell what the Bill of Rights and other constitutional amendments mean to them as individuals.

The finalists, who were the winners from six regional oratorical contests held in April, delivered their addresses at the Mansfield Room in the U.S. Senate building. President George Bush attended before the contest started for a photo session with the contestants.

Mather, who is the daughter of Gallaudet research associate Dr. Susan Mather and attorney Robert Mather, spoke on her personal ex-

perience of demonstrating freedom of speech during the Deaf President Now movement at Gallaudet in March 1988.

Former United States Chief Justice Warren Burger, who served as chairman of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, said "Oratory contests for young people are as American as apple pie, but there has never been a national oratory contest of the deaf or hard of hearing." Burger added that on the bicentennial anniversary of the Bill of Rights, with its first amendment guaranteeing all Americans freedom of speech, "it is fitting that the Commission on the Bicentennial sponsor a contest for those whose speech is often not heard."

Gallaudet Pre-College Programs' Educational Resource Centers on Deafness sponsored the regional oratorical contests. A total of 230 students submitted essays.

## Olympics a tradition for deaf athletes

Deaf people have held their own Olympic games since 1924, when deaf athletes from six countries competed in track and swimming events in Paris, France, Dr. Jerald Jordan told Gallaudet community members June 27.

Jordan, who is special assistant to Provost Harvey Corson and president of the Comité International des Sports des Sourds (CISS)—the international Olympic committee for deaf people—spoke on "Sports and the Deaf Community" as part of the 10-lecture Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival sponsored by Programs in Adult and Continuing Education.

Deaf people have always been interested in and attracted to sports, said Jordan, because the rules of sports are clear and unambiguous, and deaf people can compete on almost equal terms with hearing people. Also, with the exception of team sports, communication is generally not a deciding factor in competition, he said.

"There are always a few deaf athletes in the [hearing] Olympics," said Jordan. "But we frequently don't hear about them." Most deaf athletes, however, prefer to compete in the World Games for the Deaf, he said.

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Mickey Berra (center), head technician for the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, talks with students in the Gallaudet Young Scholar's Program on the set of the "Phantom of the Opera." Also on the steps are Tim McCarty and Leslie Page, both of MSSD.





Dean of Graduate Studies and Research Michael Karchmer (left), who started his career here as a senior research associate, gets his 15-year service award from Provost Harvey Corson.

## Sports attractive to deaf community

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To compete in the World Games for the Deaf, athletes must have a hearing loss of at least 55 decibels in their best ear. All sports are open to both men and women.

The next summer World Games for the Deaf will be held in 1993 in Bulgaria, and the winter games will be in Finland in 1995. United States athletes must try out for the games about one year before they are held.

Today, CISS has 46 member countries with two delegates from each country who serve on the congress. At least one of the two delegates to the congress must be deaf, said Jordan. All congress business is conducted in Gestuno and no sign language interpreters are present.

As president, Jordan is one of an eight-member executive board that meets once a year. No more than one person from a country can serve on the executive board, whose current members are from the United States, Australia, Germany, Denmark, Canada, Sweden, Belgium, and Poland.

For the future of CISS, Jordan would like to have a full-time staff of people who could go to third world countries to recruit athletes, but money is always a problem, he said.

## Elizabeth 'Bets' Ailstock dies

Elizabeth "Bets" Ailstock, who retired from the University in 1988 after 20 years of service, died of cancer on Monday, July 8, at her son Joseph Ailstock's home in Silver Spring, Md. Ailstock, a Gallaudet alumna, was a typesetter in the Department of Publications and Production when she retired.

A private burial ceremony was held on July 13. A Catholic mass and memorial service for family and friends will be held Aug. 3 at 11 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, 12319 New Hampshire Ave., in Silver Spring.

Contributions in Ailstock's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society or to the Phi Kappa Zeta Centennial Alumni Fund at Gallaudet.

## Party set to honor Al Couthen

Albert Couthen, assistant principal at Kendall Demonstration Elementary School, will be leaving Gallaudet July 26 to accept a new job as principal at the Mississippi School for the Deaf.

Couthen has worked at Gallaudet for 14 years, including a stint as acting principal at KDES after former principal Janice Welborn resigned in 1988.

A "good luck" party for Couthen has been slated for Wednesday, July 17, from 4:30-9 p.m. at "Ole Jim." Anyone planning to attend the party is asked to bring a potluck dish sufficient to feed 10 people. A five-dollar bill "money tree" for Couthen will be set up for those who wish to contribute.

The organizers of the party ask that people whose last names begin with A-F bring beverages or appetizers; G-M, fruit or vegetable salads; N-S, casseroles, and T-Z, desserts.

For more information, call x5031 or x5636 (TDD).

## Correction

A July 1 article in *On the Green* concerning a Conference Center for Training and Development incorrectly stated that the departments of Sociology and Psychology in the College of Arts and Sciences would be housed at the center. Neither department will move to the building, although a Comprehensive Community Counseling Center planned for the facility will provide research opportunities for students in clinical psychology, social work, and counseling.

## Announcements

The following changes have been made in this summer's orientation program schedule for new faculty and professional staff: Tuesday, July 23—"The Faculty Evaluation System," Willard Madsen, New Faculty Orientation (NFO) coordinator, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Monday, July 29—"Sign Systems and Communication Modes," NFO staff, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 1—"What the University Expects of New Faculty and Professional Staff," Dr. Harvey Corson, provost, 10-11 a.m.; "University Faculty Governance and Faculty Rights, Responsibilities, and Welfare," Dr. William Marshall, chairman, Department of Administration and Supervision, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. (This will be a luncheon meeting at "Ole Jim.")

Due to delays in campus-wide distribution of the child care survey forms, the advisory council for the Gallaudet Child Development Center is extending the deadline for returning completed questionnaires to Friday, July 19. The survey includes items that need to be answered by everyone who receives the form—even those who do not have children.

The Deaf Enrichment and Arts Festival is sponsoring lectures that are free and open to the public in Ely Center Auditorium, beginning at 4 p.m. on the dates listed: July 16, Carl Schroeder, "Bilingualism: The Deaf Way"; July 18, Art Roehrig, "The Importance of

Vision Among Deaf People"; and July 23, Robert Mather, "The Americans with Disabilities Act."

Gallaudet is hosting the sixth Summer Institute in Mathematics for Pre-College Teachers of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students at Kendall Green which began July 1 and ends Aug. 2. The institute has been sponsored every year by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and operates through a grant from the NSF to train mathematics teachers of deaf and hard of hearing students. Participants are teachers employed at high school and elementary school programs across the country.

"Parent-Professional Relationships: Working Together for Deaf Children" will be the topic of the second Family Life Program summer lecture series in Ely Auditorium on Wednesday, July 17, from 4-5 p.m. A panel of parents and educators will explore strategies for establishing and cultivating effective relationships that contribute to the deaf child's accomplishments and self-esteem.

The eighth edition of *College and Career Programs for Deaf Students* is on sale for \$12.95 from the Center for Assessment and Demographic Studies. This expanded edition contains listings, descriptions, and other information about 156 college programs available in the United States and Canada for deaf students.

## Classified Ads

**CLASSIFIED ADS** are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail MGMOORE. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received July 15-19 will be published July 29.

**WANTED:** Responsible female to share townhouse across from PG Community College, Md., avail. Aug. 1. Call Debbie, x5090.

**FOR RENT:** Spacious mobile home, Fenwick Island, Del., sleeps 6, 2 bathrooms, AC, W/D, DW, full kitchen, swimming pool access, \$60/night or \$55/night if more than 3 nights. Call Dwight, X5255 or E-mail AD-BENEDICT.

**SUBLET:** Furnished efficiency apt., 1 1/2 mi. from Kendall Green, AC, avail. Aug.-Oct., \$525/mo. inc. util. Call Kathy, x5090 or (202) 546-3049 (V) eves.

**FOR RENT:** Master BR w/private bath, walk-in closet, W/D, safe area near shopping, Greenbelt/NASA, Md., female, non-smoker, professional/graduate student, must like cats, avail. immed., \$400/mo. plus 1/2 util. Call Rita, x5019 or (301) 552-2132 (V/TDD) eves.

**FOR SALE:** '84 4-dr. Plymouth Reliant, 86K mi., new clutch, battery, and alternator, \$1,000/neg. Call Rosie, x5315 or (703) 685-0474 (V/TDD) eves. before 9.

**FOR SALE:** Moving, everything must go, house, furniture, etc.; '79 Toyota Celica, 130K mi., good cond., \$800/BO. Call x5096.

**FOR SALE:** Candlemaking equipment, 100 lbs. wax, some molds, how-to books, any reasonable offer. E-mail DOPETERSON.

**FOR SALE:** Round 48-in. oak table w/2 8-in. extension leaves, 4 chairs, corner cabinet, \$750; locking roll-top desk w/matching adjustable swivel chair, \$750. Call Loraine, x5051 or x5052.

**FOR SALE:** '87 4-dr. Subaru sedan, 57K mi., AC, AM/FM cassette, new tires, exc. cond., \$4,500/BO. Call Mary Ann, (301) 933-4649 (V/TDD) or E-mail MMEIER.

**FOR SALE:** Double-size mattress/frame, dresser, free-standing closet w/zippered plastic cover, tropical sofa, wood coffee table, 2 plant stands, 13-in. B/W TV, 2 picture frames, stepper and bike stand exercise equipment, kitchen utensils, 5 porcelain statues, paper/hardback novels, other assorted items. Call x3496 or E-mail ADM\_SIPES.

**FOR SALE:** Toshiba 19-in. TV, remote control, \$250/BO; VCR with remote, \$100/BO; both perfect cond. Call Scott, x5410 or (202) 863-0520 (V) eves.

**FREE:** Two 10-wk.-old orange male kittens, very friendly. Call Sharon, x3494 or E-mail ADM\_LEGLER.

**FOR RENT:** Large room w/bath in house, separate entrance, walk to metro, shopping, \$400/mo. plus 1/3 util. Call Jeff, (202) 663-4686 (TDD) days or (301) 946-5952 (TDD) eves.

**FOR RENT:** BR in townhouse, smoker O.K., must like pets, near bus stop, Franconia, Va., \$300/mo. plus util. Call Pam, (703) 922-5780 (TDD).

**FOR RENT:** Room in 3-BR house, Chevy Chase, Md., to mature graduate student or professional, kitchen privileges, walk to subway, 10-min. drive to Kendall Green, \$400/mo. plus 1/3 util. Call x5900 days or (703) 359-1423 (TDD) eves., leave message.

**WANTED:** Person for child care, cook dinner, and furnish transportation eves. for deaf/blind woman in exchange for furnished room w/bath. Call (301) 933-4073 (V/TDD).

**FOR RENT:** Newly renovated 3-BR, 1-bath townhouse, dining room, new kitchen, patio, skylights, 2 fireplaces, w/w carpet, W/D, DW, off-street parking, 2 blocks to Kendall Green, \$950/mo. plus util., security deposit. Call (202) 398-2854 (V), leave message.

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